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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4450

INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

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AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

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SUBJECT: ANDEAN PACT: THE VENEZUELAN POSITION

1. RETURNING FROM BOGOTA, REINALDO FIGUEREDO, PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTO DE COMERCIO EXTERIOR (ICE) AND VENEZUELA'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ANDEAN PACT COMMISSION, TOLD REPORTERS THAT NO MORE CONCESSIONS WILL BE MADE TO CHILE ON DISPUTED ANPACT ISSUES.

2. IN HIS COMMENTS TO THE LOCAL PRESS, FIGUEREDO STATED THAT "THERE IS NO LONGER TIME TO DWELL ON THESE PROBLEMS; WE MUST MOVE AHEAD".

3. FIGUEREDO AND OTHER TRADE OFFICIALS ADMITTED THAT THERE WAS NO CLEAR PATH AROUND THE OBSTACLE POSED BY CHILE'S REFUSAL TO AGREE TO SIGN DECISION 100, BUT STATED THAT CHILE'S "POCKET VETO" WOULD "MAKE ITS (CHILE'S) REMAINING IN THE PACT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT".

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4. COMMENT: UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, VENEZUELA CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE AS A HARD-LINER IN ITS SUPPORT OF THE ANPACT MAJORITY AGAINST CHILE, ALTHOUGH THE GOV'S CRITICAL INTEREST WOULD APPEAR TO BE TO "KEEP THE BALL ROLLING".

5. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY OFFICER, AMBASSADOR MOANACK OF ICE SAID CHILE'S BEHAVIOR WAS "ONE MORE MANIFESTATION OF UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO ECONOMIC THINKING, AND THAT CHILE WOULD BE BETTER OFF LOOKING TO ITS NEAR FUTURE AND IMMEDIATE GAINS RATHER THAN TAKING THE LONG TERM VIEW".

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